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Waiver Request
Waive Deadline for FCC Form 471 Application Filing Window

Billed Entity: The Pathways Schools
1106 University Blvd., West, Silver Spring, MD 20902

Funding Year 2014: 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2015

Entity Number: 22669

FCC Registration Number: 0013271911

471 Application Number: 957970

Applicant Form Identifier: PW471-1415-P2

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Explanation of Waiver Request:

The Pathways Schools has applied for e-rate discounted costs for several years for Priority 1 Services. Just as we had in all previous years, we submitted the Form 471 within the certified window. The relevant difference for the 14-15 funding year, was that we applied for Priority 2 Services for the first time.

We had been patiently waiting for the application process to take its course, but became concerned in July when our status online was still indicating "Certified-In Window" when, based on previous experience, we anticipated it to be at least in "Initial Review". Therefore, on July 17, 2014, we contacted Customer Supports to inquire about our status. At that time, we learned that because we applied for Priority 1 and 2 Services on the same 471, the entire application would not be reviewed until Priority 2 Services were being considered. We also learned that Priority 2 Services were not yet being considered for 13-14.

During the same call, we learned about our option to cancel the Priority 2 Services on the current 471 so that it can move into the review process for the Priority 1 Services, and then submit a new Form 471 for the Priority 2 Services with the understanding that we needed to request a waiver of the certification window due to the late date of the re-submission.

Due to the significance of the e-rate support to our small organization of special education schools, it was not possible for us to consider waiting potentially a full year before our application would be considered. Therefore, we have proceeded with cancelling the original request for Priority 2 Services and now submitting a new 471 for the same services outside of the filing window for the 14-15 Funding Year.

Therefore, we are requesting that you please grant us a waiver of the filing window. Thank you for your consideration of our request.